GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Endowments Department - Providing world class amenities in major temples – Pilgrim experience – Beautification, landscaping and afforestation programme – Assignment of functions to APUGBC – orders – Issued.

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REVENUE (ENDTS.II) DEPARTMENT

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ORDER:

Tourism is an important growth engine for the economy. Temple tourism/ pilgrimage is an important component of tourism promotion. Apart from Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, there are seven major temples where a large number of pilgrims are visiting daily.

These temples are Srisailam, Srikalahasti, Kanipakam, Kanaka Durga of Vijayawada, Dwaraka Tirumala, Annavaram and Simhachalam.

2. Some of temples are located on top of hills and have their own small townships where they perform municipal functions also. However, none of these temples have a Horticulture/forest wing. Therefore, it is decided to provide world class amenities and give good pilgrim experience to all devotees who throng these temples.

3. Therefore, Government in consultation with M.A. & U.D. Department have decided to take up the following works for the beautification of the above 7 temples:

i) Handover Planning, Implementation, Supervision and Maintenance functions to APUGBC.

ii) A separate section to be created in APUGBC with one Deputy Director and one Assistant Director of Horticulture who are experience in landscaping works shall be drawn on deputation from Horticulture department. The salary of these two Officers will be reimbursed by the Commissioner of Endowments from EAF/CGF funds.

iii) APUGBC shall prepare a landscape master plan and afforestation plan by hiring the services of reputed landscape architects who are already empanelled with them.

iv) Based on the scope of work the manpower requirement for each of these seven temples should be finalized by APUGBC. One Horticulturist should invariably be available in each of these seven temples on a full time basis. For big temples with tremendous potential like Srisailam, Dwaraka Tirumala, Annavaram and Simhachalam there shall be a Chief Horticulturist and one Junior Horticulturist. The requirement of trained manpower, namely gardeners, for each temple should be carefully assessed. The manpower requirements of each temple will be fixed by APUGBC and outsourced to reputed agencies.

v) The works that need to be taken up include, among others, the following:

a) Develop a nursery for each temple.

b) Undertake landscape gardening in and around the temple.

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c) Keep stock of potted plants for use wherever required during temple functions/ festivals for decoration.

d) Undertake landscaping works in all associate buildings of the temples like choultries, annadana satrams, guest houses, kalyana mandapams etc.

e) Undertake afforestation and beautification of the ghat roads leading to the hill top temples.

f) Develop a flower garden so as to supply flowers everyday for worship of the diety.

g) Develop sacred groves (eg.Bilva grove in Lord Siva temple).

h) Undertake massive afforestation of the hill slopes to prevent soil erosion, prevent encroachments etc.

i) Utilise cow dung, gomuthra (cow urine) which is available in the goshalas maintained by the temples, prepare Panchagavya and undertake organic gardening.

Vi) All the seven temples will make payments as advised by the APUGBC to these manpower agencies as also to all other service providers, as per procedures.

Vii) Apart from these seven temples, the Endowment Department from time to time proposes to undertake special works in a few other temples which are of great historic or cultural importance. These works also will be entrusted to APUGBC as and when required. APUGBC has consented to undertake them.

Viii) APUGBC will charge 5% of the estimated cost of the works towards administrative expenses. The cost will be borne by the individual temples.

4. The Commissioner, Endowments Department and Managing Director, APUGBC, Hyderabad shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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The Managing Director, A.P. Urban Greening and Beautification Corporation, (APUGBC), Hyderabad.
The Executive Officers of the Devasthanams concerned.
M.A. & U.D. Department.

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